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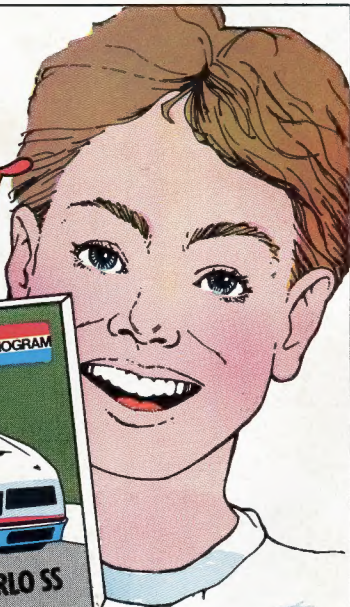
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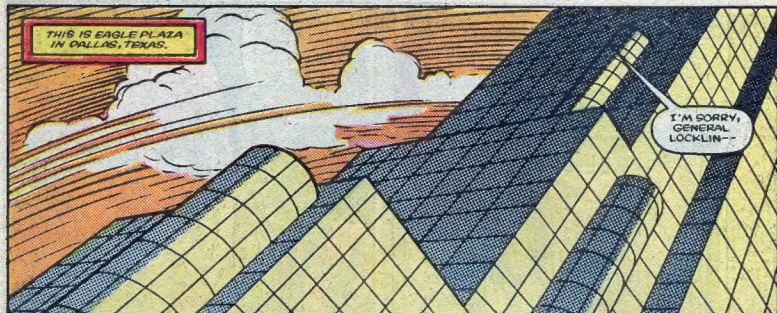
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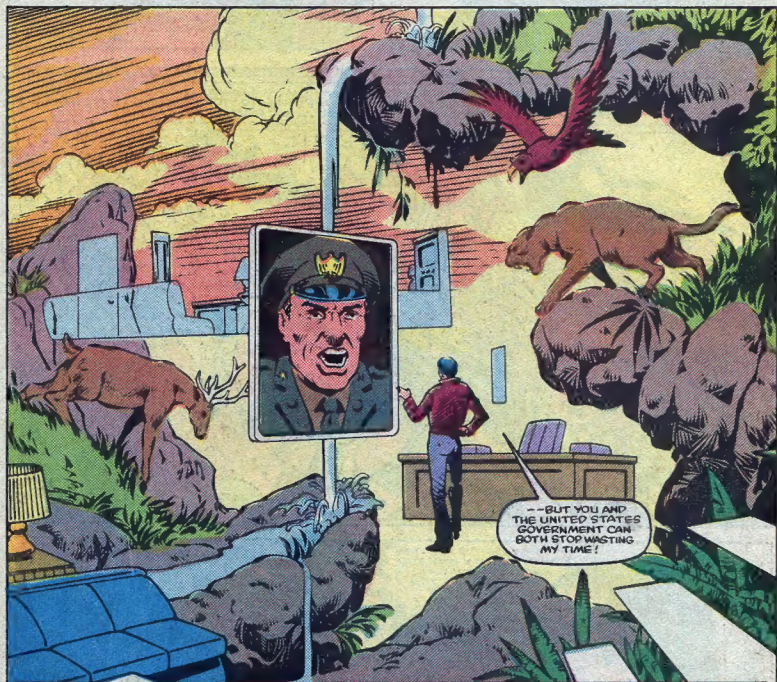
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THE UNITED STATES
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BOTH STOP WASTING
MY TIME!

HE CALLS HIMSELF FORGE. THE WEAPONS SYSTEMS HE CREATES IN HIS SKYSCRAPER SANCTUARY ARE NO LESS
INCREDIBLE THAN THE ARTIFICIAL ENVIRONMENT HE HAS FASHIONED FOR HIS COMFORT. FORGE IS A GENIUS... HE
IS ALSO A MUTANT...







YOU CAN'T ABANDON EARTH TO WRAITHKIND! MISTER, YOU'RE COMMITTING TREASON!! YOU'RE A TRAITOR TO THE AMERICAN PEO--

GOOD DAY, GENERAL.

HIS HAND PASSING THROUGH AN UNSEEN LIGHTFIELD, FORGE ENDS THE TRANSMISSION.



TRAITOR, THEY CALL ME?

WELL, DIDN'T I BETRAY STORM WHEN I CREATED THE WEAPON THAT STRIPPED HER OF HER ELEMENTAL POWERS--



--AND TURNED IT OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS REGARDING ITS USE?

PRESUMABLY UNLIKE ROM'S NEUTRALIZER, MY COPY IS ABLE TO AFFECT NOT ONLY WRAITHS--

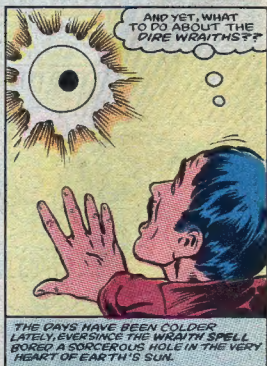


-- BUT ANY BEING... HUMAN OR INHUMAN, MAN OR MUTANT... POSSESSED OF SPECIAL POWERS.

BEING A MUTANT MYSELF, I KNOW HOW THE GOVERNMENTS OF EARTH HATE PEOPLE LIKE US, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MAKING STRATEGIC USE OF OUR SPECIAL ABILITIES.

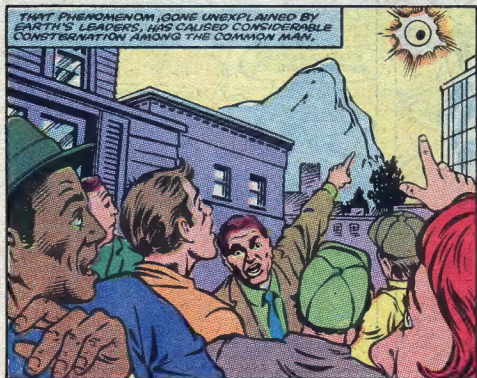


I CAN'T ALLOW MERE HUMANS TO STAND AS ARBITERS OF THE FATE OF SUPER-BEINGS BY PLACING MY WEAPON IN THEIR HANDS.



AND YET, WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE DIRE WRAITHS??

THE DAYS HAVE BEEN COLDER LATELY, EVER SINCE THE WRAITH SPELL BORED A SORCEROUS HOLE IN THE VERY HEART OF EARTH'S SUN.



THAT PHENOMENON, GONE UNEXPLAINED BY EARTH'S LEADERS, HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONSTERNATION AMONG THE COMMON MAN.



I CAN'T GIVE EARTH'S GOVERNMENTS THE POWER THEY CRAVE, BUT THEN WHAT OF EARTH'S PEOPLE?

THE PLANET THAT'S THREATENED IS MY PLANET, TOO!

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HOW SOFTLY SHE SLEEPS, AND HOW LIKE AN ANGEL.

THE WOMAN LYING ON A COT IN A DEEP UNBROKEN SLUMBER IN THE MOBILE INFIRMARY OF THE WRAITH HUNTER RANGERS IS BRANDY CLARK.

THE FIRST HUMAN TO BEFRIEND ROM UPON HIS ARRIVAL ON EARTH, SHE EARNED THE UNDYING ENMITY OF THE DISE WRAITHS... AND PAID THE PRICE.

HER FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FIANCE WERE SLAIN. SHE FOUND HERSELF HELPLESS BEFORE THE ONSLAUGHT OF ALIEN HORROR THAT ROM HAD COME TO EARTH TO AVERT.



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INSIDE!

I'VE HEARD OF
BIG FRUIT TASTE,
BUT THIS IS
RIDICULOUS!

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BONK ME OUT!

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BONKS YOU OUT!

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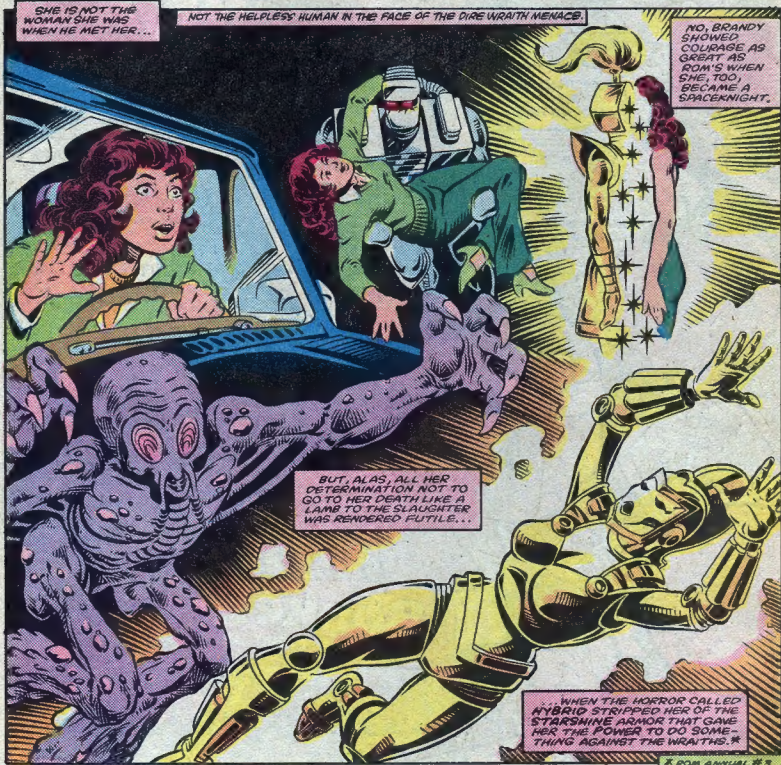
AS HIS CYBORG EYES CARESS BRANDY'S SLEEPING FORM, ROM OF FAR OFF GALAPOR, REALIZES HOW MUCH HE LOVES THIS DAUGHTER OF EARTH.



SHE IS NOT THE WOMAN SHE WAS WHEN HE MET HER...

NOT THE HELPLESS HUMAN IN THE FACE OF THE DIRE WRAITH MENACE.

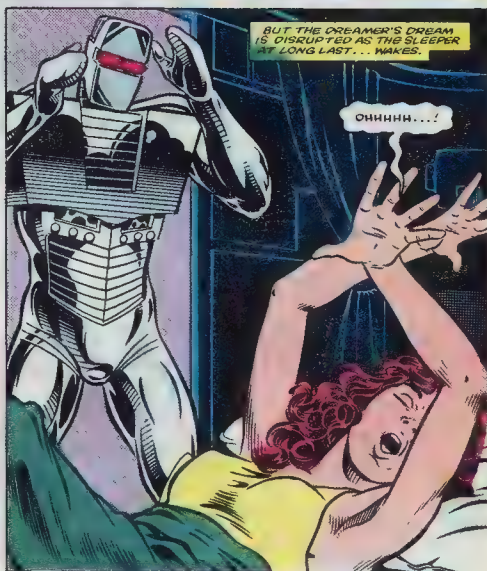
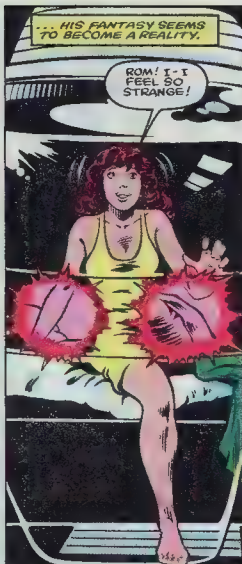
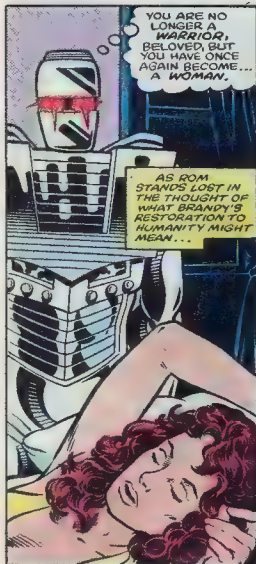
NO, BRANDY SHOWED COURAGE AS GREAT AS ROM'S WHEN SHE TOO BECAME A SPACEKNIGHT.



BUT, ALAS, ALL HER DETERMINATION NOT TO GO TO HER DEATH LIKE A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER WAS RENDERED FUTILE...

...WHEN THE HORROR CALLED HYBRID STRIPPED HER OF THE STARSHINE ARMOR THAT GAVE HER THE POWER TO DO SOMETHING AGAINST THE WRAITHS.*

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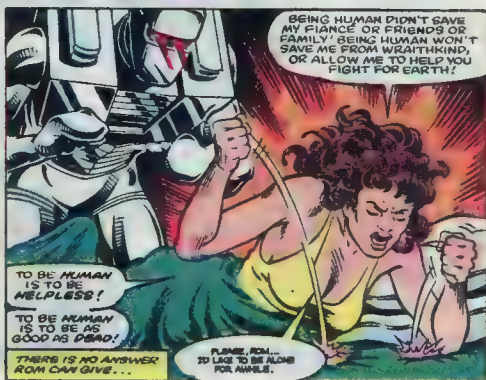
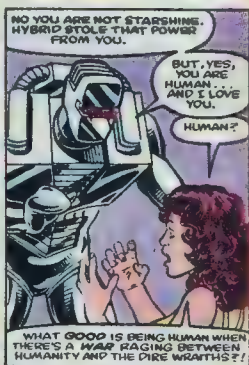
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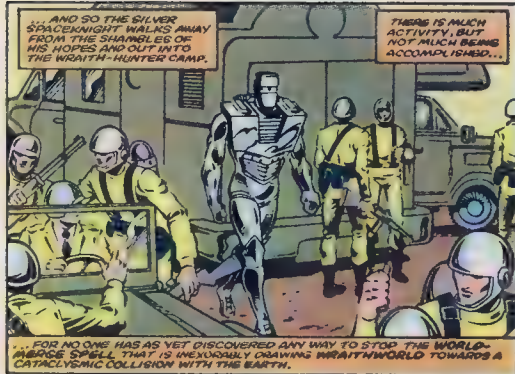
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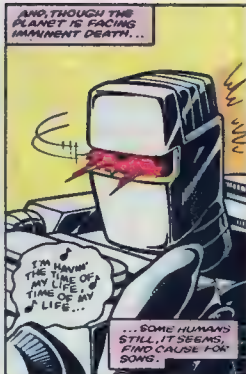
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...AND SO THE SILVER SPACEKNIGHT WALKS AWAY FROM THE SHAMBOLES OF HIS HOPES AND OUT INTO THE WRAITH-HUNTER CAMP.

THERE IS MUCH ACTIVITY, BUT NOT MUCH BEING ACCOMPLISHED...

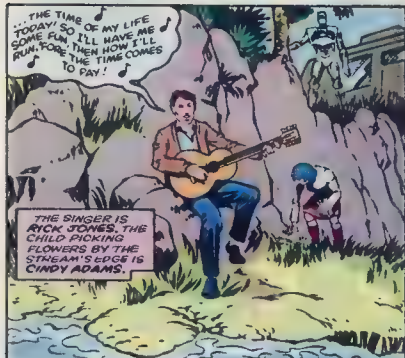
...FOR NO ONE HAS AS YET DISCOVERED ANY WAY TO STOP THE WORLD-MERGE SPELL THAT IS INEXORABLY DRAWING WRAITHWORLD TOWARDS A CATAclysmic COLLISION WITH THE EARTH.



AND, THOUGH THE PLANET IS FACING IMMINENT DEATH...

I'M HAVING THE TIME OF MY LIFE... TIME OF MY LIFE... TIME OF MY LIFE...

...SOME HUMANS STILL, IT SEEMS, FIND CAUSE FOR SONG.



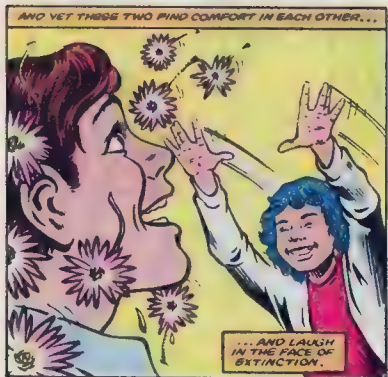
THE SINGER IS RICK JONES, THE CHILD PICKING FLOWERS BY THE STREAM'S EDGE IS CINDY ADAMS.



RICK IS DYING OF A CANCER INCURRED WHEN HE EXPOSED HIMSELF TO GAMMA RAYS IN A MISGUIDED EFFORT TO BECOME A SECOND INCREDIBLE HULK.

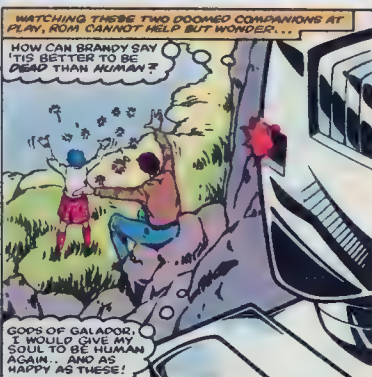
CINDY IS NO MORE FORTUNATE SHE SAW HER PARENTS SLAIN, AND HER CHILDHOOD DESTROYED...

...WHEN A DIRE WRAITH DIED INSIDE HER MIND.



AND YET THESE TWO FIND COMFORT IN EACH OTHER...

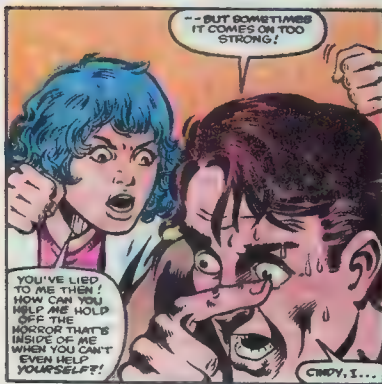
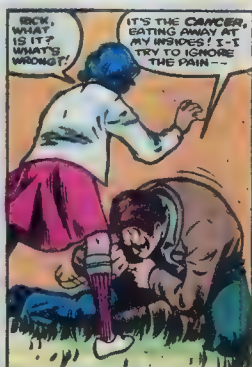
...AND LAUGH IN THE FACE OF EXTINCTION.

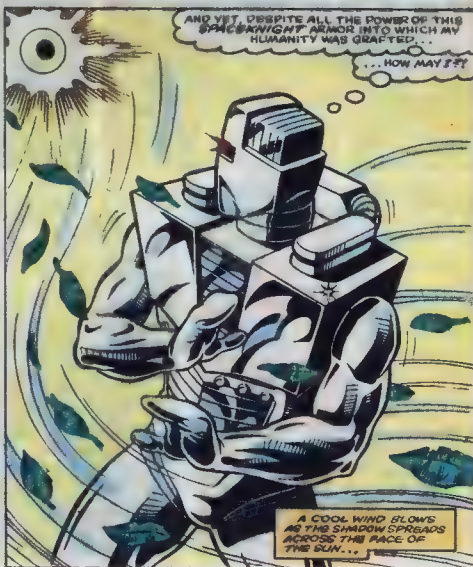
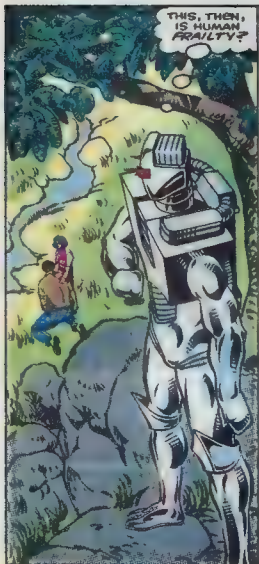


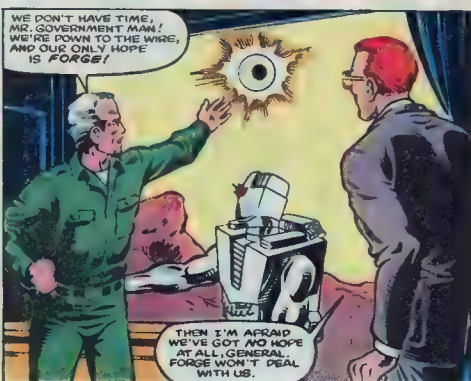
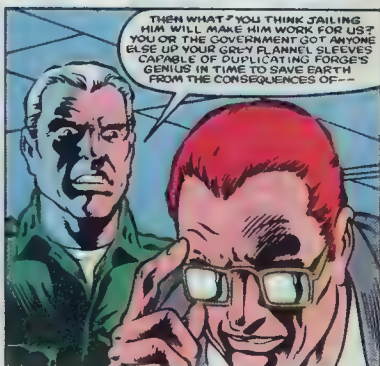
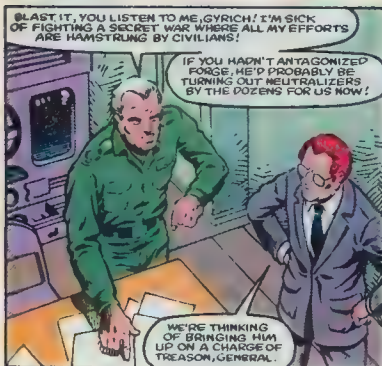
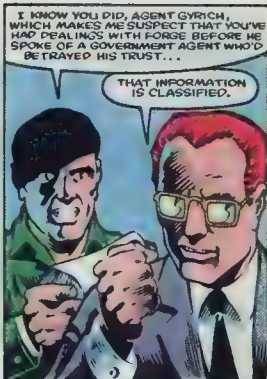
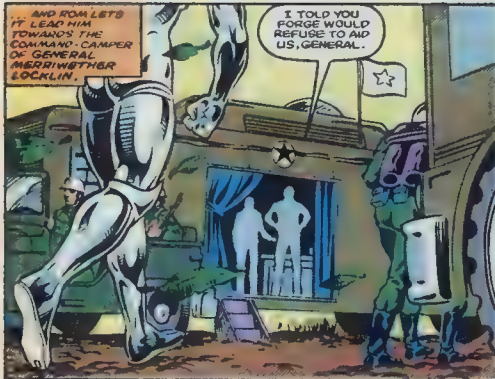
WATCHING THESE TWO DOOMED COMPANIONS AT PLAY, ROM CANNOT HELP BUT WONDER...

HOW CAN BRANDY SAY 'TIS BETTER TO BE DEAD THAN HUMAN?

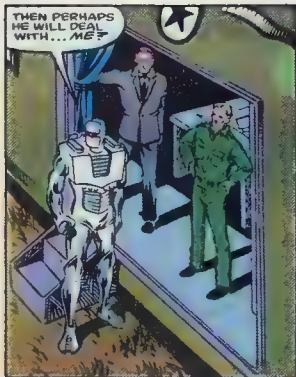
GODS OF GALADOR, I WOULD GIVE MY SOUL TO BE HUMAN AGAIN... AND AS HAPPY AS THESE!







THEN PERHAPS
HE WILL DEAL
WITH... ME?



IN LESS THAN AN HOUR, ROM'S
ROCKET-PODS CARRY HIM FROM
THE EASTERN SEABOARD TO THE
AMERICAN SOUTHWEST. IN THAT
TIME, THE WRATH'S SORCEROUS
STAIN HAS GROWN EVEN LARGER
ON THE FACE OF THE SUN.

ROM DOES NOT KNOW HOW MUCH
TIME EARTH HAS LEFT BEFORE THE SUN
Goes DARK AND WRATHWORLD IS
MYSTICALLY PULVED ACROSS THE
TRACKLESS VONDS OF SPACE TO TAKE
EARTH'S PLACE IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

HE ONLY KNOWS THAT EARTH'S
SOLE HOPE OF AVERTING IMPENDING
DOOM LIES IN THE INVENTIVE GENIUS
OF A DISAFFECTED MUTANT KNOWN
AS FORGE.

BUT, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE LAIR LOW SINCE EXPENDING THE LION'S SHARE OF THEIR SORCEROUS POWER IN TRIGGERING THE WORLDMERGE, THE DIRE WRAITHS HAVE NOT BEEN UNAWARE OF THE SILVER SPACENIGHT'S DETERMINATION TO STOP THEM.

ROM GOES TO TEXAS!

TO FIND FORGE!

BOTH HAVE DEFEATED US BEFORE! TOGETHER THEY MIGHT SUCCEED IN EXTERMINATING US BEFORE THE WORLDMERGE TAKES EFFECT!

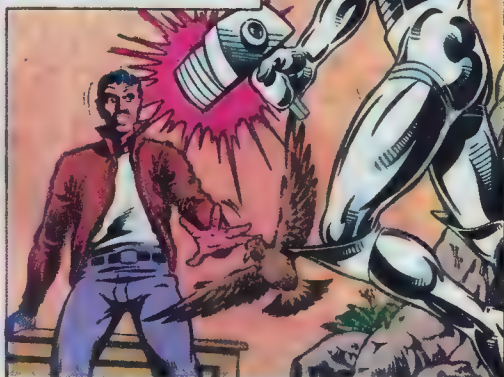
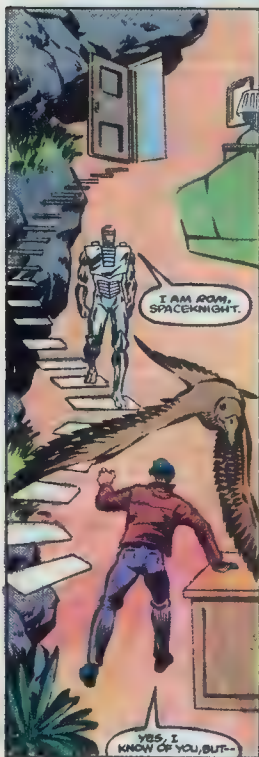
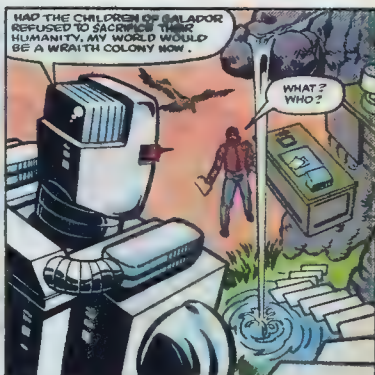
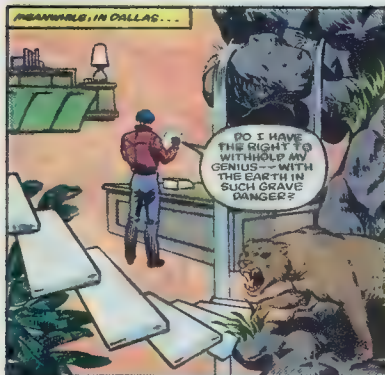
THOUGH OUR POWER IS DIMINISHED, WE DARE NOT LET OURSELVES BE DESTROYED SO CLOSE TO THE HOUR OF OUR TRIUMPH!

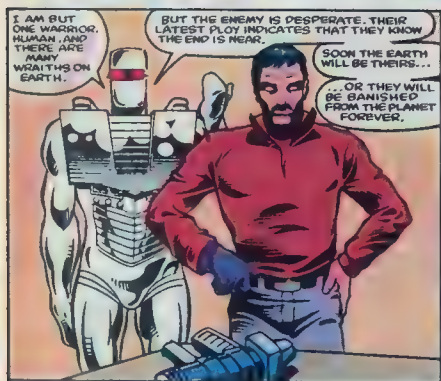
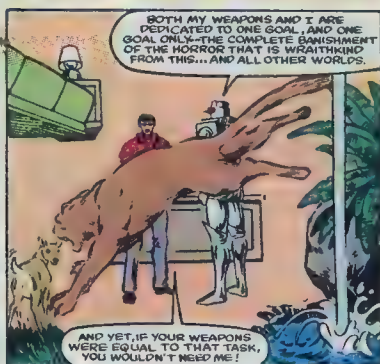
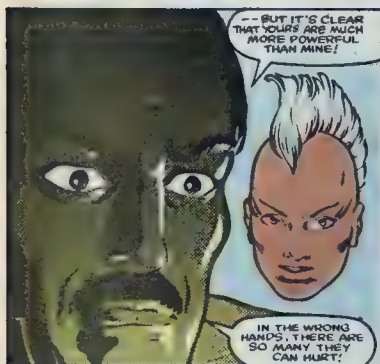
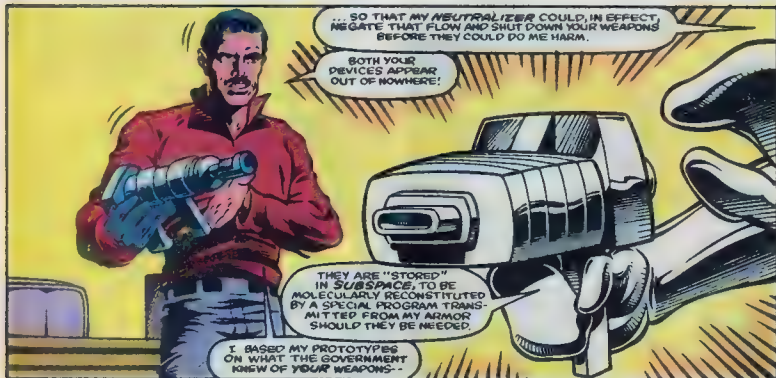
WE DARE NOT LET ROM JOIN FORCES WITH FORGE!

VILE INCANTATIONS AND SORCEROUS SPELLS FILL THE DARK AIR OF THE WRAITH'S LAIR AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE ALIEN BEINGS AND THE EARTH ANIMALS THEY'VE MYSTICALLY BRED SHIFT AND CHANGE FORM.

THEN, IN A FLOOD OF EVIL UNLEASHED, THE DIRE WRAITH'S SWEEP ROM FROM THEIR SUBTERRANEAN RETREAT...

... TO DO BATTLE WITH ROM, SPACENIGHT, BEFORE HE CAN AVERT THE ADVENT OF DOOMSDAY.





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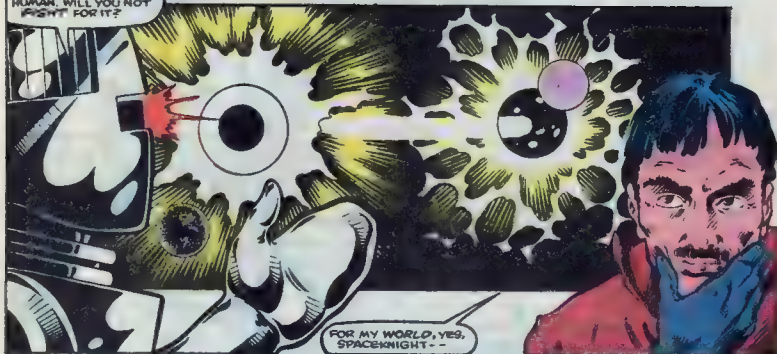
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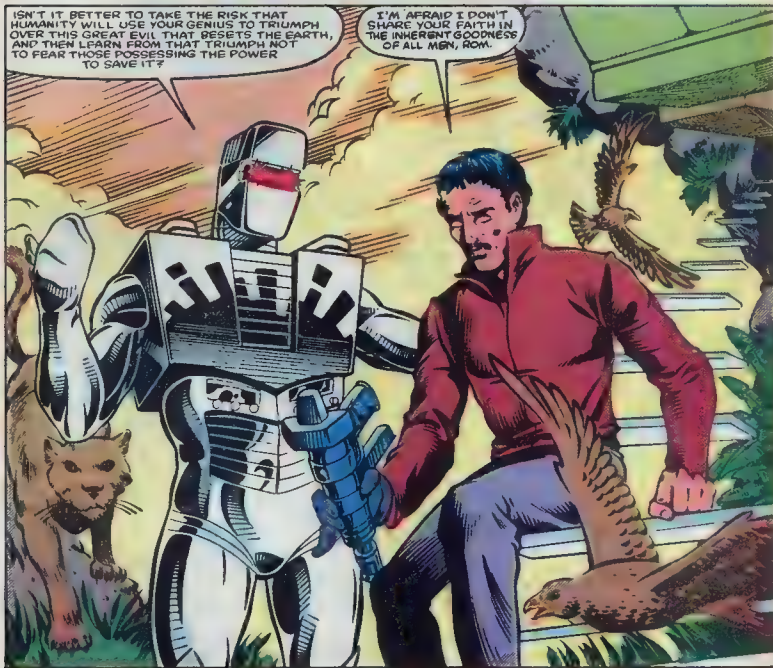
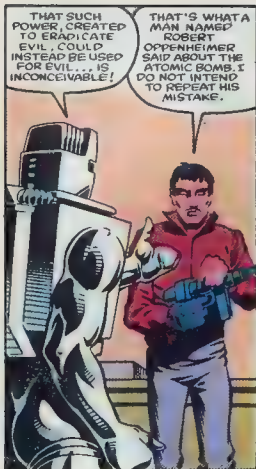
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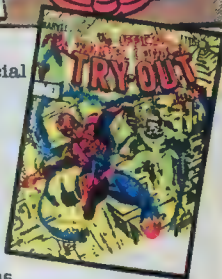
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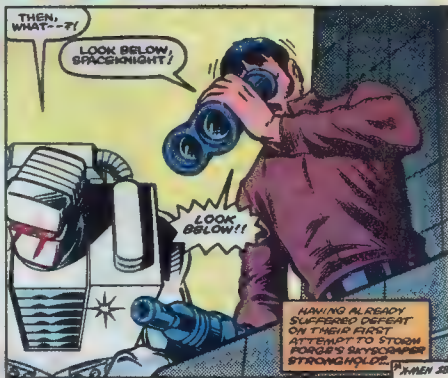
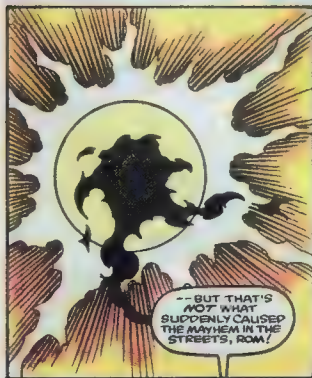
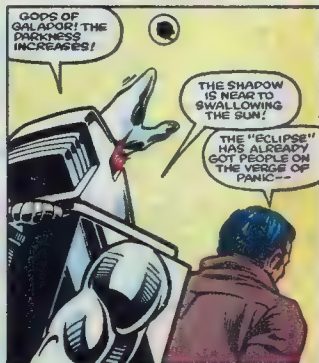
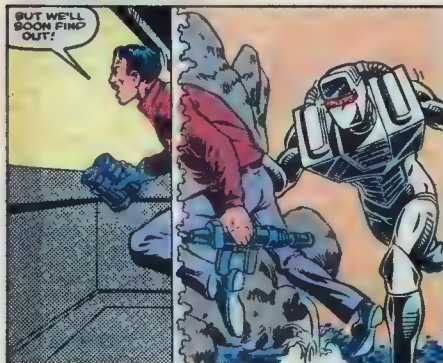
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Bulpen Bulletins

I'M STILL STANDIN'...

Better than I ever did! And that's surprising, considering that I'm just back from the summer convention circuit, which is fun, but, nonetheless, will wear down even a large economy-size Editor in Chief, like myself. After three weeks on the road, the *Wretched Mess Ol' Bulpen* looks pretty good.

GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN!

At the splendiferous CHICAGO COMICON, I met Colleen Doran, the beautiful, talented and diabolically clever artist who illustrates *A Distant Soil*, published by Warp Graphics, the same charming people who bring you *Elfquest*. Noticing the rather large number of good-looking guys on the Marvel creative staff, she suggested that on this page we run a *Marvel Hunk of the Month* feature. She suggested John Romita, Jr. (the *X-Men* penciler), Bill Sienkiewicz (the *New Mutants* artist), Carl Potts (Editor of *Doctor*

Strange, and other stuff), and a few others for openers. Well, I'm game, if you ladies out there demand it. Whattaya say?



I'll be waiting to hear from you female readers about this idea. It seems crazy to me, but...

One thing though—I drew the line at Colleen's other suggestion. I absolutely refuse to run a *Win a Dream Date With Bob Layton* (radio-active mutant writer/artist) Contest. Bob's a handsome guy, a terrific human being, and a close friend—but think how embarrassing it would be when he took the "lucky" winner to the movies and she found out that he glows in the dark.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN!

Ever have to make a phone call—a really urgent one—race to a pay phone, and discover that you don't have any change? It happened to me in Chicago. Fortunately, DC Comics Editor Julius Schwartz happened by and contributed two quarters to solve my problem. Now he refuses to let me pay him back so he can tell everyone that I'm "forever in his debt." Having worked for Julie briefly back in the early 1970's, and having learned much from his legendary self at that time, I already was forever in his debt. Talk about overkill.

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WHEN WILL I SEE YOU AGAIN?

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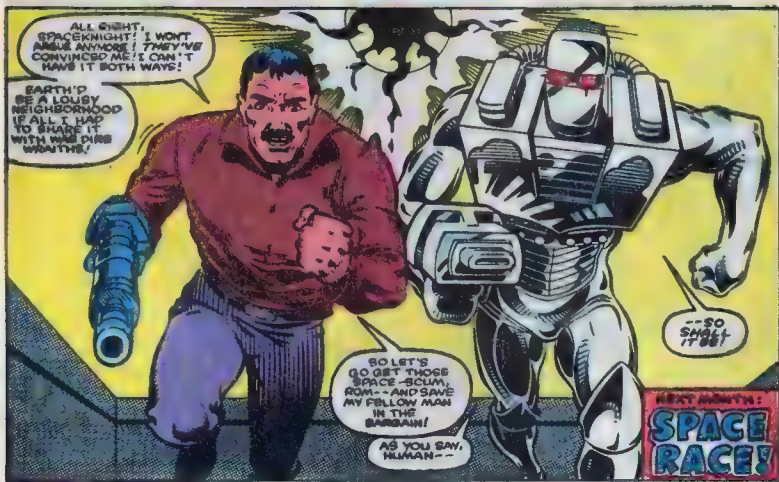
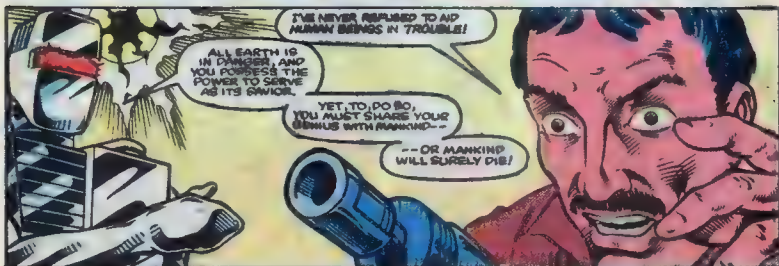
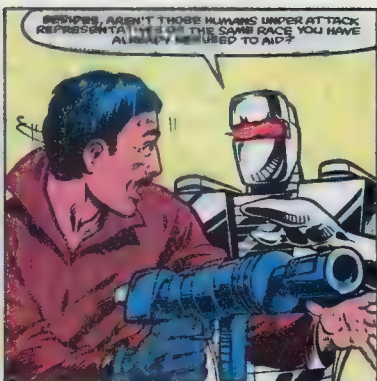
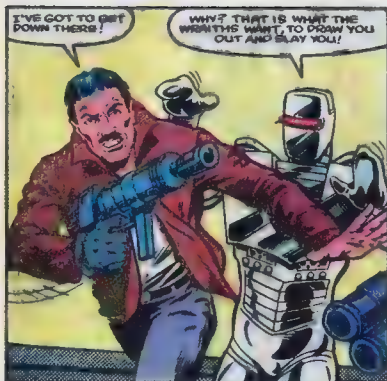
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SPACE NOTES

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Dear Bill,

ROM #56, "Clear Waters Remembered" was terrific. The cover itself was a masterpiece and interior artists Mark Bright and Mel Candido worked beautifully together. Each panel seemed alive.

I just loved the twist to this particular tale. I should have guessed that the fish was a 'red herring' and that the polluted water was the key. Kudos for the cliffhanger ending. I can't wait to see how Rom, Starshine, and Alpha Flight will defeat the Dire Wraith's latest threat. I'm glad that you haven't forgotten Brandy's grief over her death or her loved ones. Good luck with issue #57.

Charles Haskell
15 West 139 St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Bill, Mark, and Mel,

Although I'm sad to see Sal Buscema leave ROM behind, I was pleasantly surprised by the penciling job of his replacement, Mark Bright, in ROM #56. Mark seems to have a very distinct Gil Kane influence in his work, which is not to say that he is a mere copycat. Far from it. He has done only one issue so far but I can already detect a noticeably individual style. I can honestly say that I'm looking forward to seeing more of his art in the near future.

The story told in ROM #56 was great, too. A guest appearance by my favorite team, Alpha Flight? Super! I was thrilled to see Rom finally paying a visit to my neck of the woods, Northern Ontario, but I was even more excited about the way you portrayed this part of Canada. Contrary to popular American belief, most of my country is not subjected to a 12-month long winter, and I was happy to see you demonstrate that fact in this issue.

All in all, a fine effort, but I do have a few questions for you before I take my leave —

(1) Who did the cover for this issue? Am I right in assuming that Alpha Flight's creator, John Byrne, had a hand or two in this?

(2) Was this Rick Jones' final appearance in the pages of this mag?

(3) Is the title of ROM #57 really going to be "Scenes of Destruction on Every Hand, Black Waters, Black Waters, Black Waters Rush Down on My Land"? Yeeeh!

Again, thanks for a job well done.

Conrad P. Feiber
1319 Rose Marie Avenue
Sudbury, Ontario

And thank you, Conrad, for your kind words. While Mark Bright's issue of ROM was only a one-shot fill-in, you can enjoy his pencil work each and every month in the pages of POWER MAN/IRON FIST beginning with issue #114. But, we think we've found a perfect replacement to fill the slot left vacant by the departure of Sal Buscema — none other than Sturdy Steve Ditko!

Now, in answer to your questions —

1) You're absolutely right. The esteemed Mr. Byrne just couldn't resist the opportunity to render the cover of such a momentous team-up. And, who knows — maybe he penciled with one hand and inked with the other. Some-

thing has to account for the speed of that man!

2) Definitely not.

3) What's the matter, you don't like that title? Well, how about the abbreviated "Scenes of Destruction on Every Hand"?

Dear Marvelers,

On the advice of a friend, I just recently started reading ROM and I have been scrambling to collect back issues ever since. Issue #56 was one of the best yet. I'm wholeheartedly in favor of Starshine's attitude and, being a Canadian, I loved seeing Alpha Flight. I also like the addition of Rick Jones. He has always been my favorite non-super powered hero and in the past issues of ROM he has shown great style and courage. I'd love to see him assume the armor of a dead Spaceknight like Brandy Clark did. How about it, guys? A third Spaceknight devoted to Earth?

Tell Mark Bright that his version of Alpha flight was fantastic. Ditto to Mel Candido for his inks.

But I'm getting worried. What will become of Rom, and Starshine, and Rick when the Wraith War is over? Anyway, keep up the great work, guys. Love what you're doing and, as always, Make Mine Marvel!

Calvin Heighton
19 Mitchell Ave.
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Don't worry about our intrepid heroes, Calvin. There will be plenty of adventures awaiting them just as soon as — oh, NO! We're not going to tip our hand — not just yet, at least! But, we promise that the storylines you'll be seeing in ROM in the months to come will be unlike any you've seen before! This dramatic new direction, combined with greater heights of artistic virtuosity, guarantee Rom's niche in the pantheon of stellar stars for all time.

Dear Bill,

I'm not a regular reader of ROM, but when I saw that issue #56 featured Alpha Flight I just could not resist. Now I'm glad I bought this issue because it's No-Prize time!!

On page 10, panel 4, Shaman states that both he and Snowbird are mystically linked with nature. But on page 11, panel 2, Snowbird states that she and Sasquatch sensed a disturbance in the mystic fields around Earth. Obviously this was an error and she should have mentioned Shaman instead of Sasquatch. According to MARVEL UNIVERSE, Sasquatch has no mystic powers ... or does he? In the origin of Sasquatch given in ALPHA FLIGHT #11, it is stated that Walter Langkowski's research center was located near a mystic barrier. It is possible that the same gods who gave birth to Snowbird bestowed the limited ability to detect changes in the mystic barriers upon Watter during the accident which created Sasquatch. This ability would probably only be apparent in his Sasquatch form. This would explain how Sasquatch detected a

disturbance in the mystic fields. I hope this qualifies me for the coveted No-Prize. Other than this small mistake, this issue lived up to the usual standards of Marvel excellence.

Until Rom's armor rusts, Make Mine Marvel!

Leonard Burke
Box 993
Welch, W. Va.

Sorry, Leonard, but Sasquatch does not have any mystic abilities whatsoever. No No-Prize for your explanation — but you did spot a genuine error in Snowbird's dialogue. In her haste, she inadvertently referred to Shaman as Sasquatch. Will you accept a genuine OOPS instead?

Dear Marvel,

I truly enjoyed ROM #56 and was very impressed by the use of pollution as a Wraith weapon. It certainly faces the reality of the bio-deterioration we are experiencing today. Rom and Alpha Flight made an excellent team fighting the Wraiths and the water pollution. I can't wait until the next issue.

At this point, I would like to make a suggestion. I think it would be a good idea to make new Marvel action figures. A ROM collection, including Terminator, Starshine, and a bunch of Wraiths, would look classy on anyone's shelf. Think about it.

Brett
(No address given)

There was a Rom figure marketed at the time this mag first appeared on the stands but it is no longer available and there are no plans for Parker Brothers, who actually own the character of Rom, to re-issue the likeness of the Gleaming Galedorian Spaceknight. While Marvel does own the other characters who appear in these pages, it would hardly be appropriate to release a set of supporting characters without the series' star.

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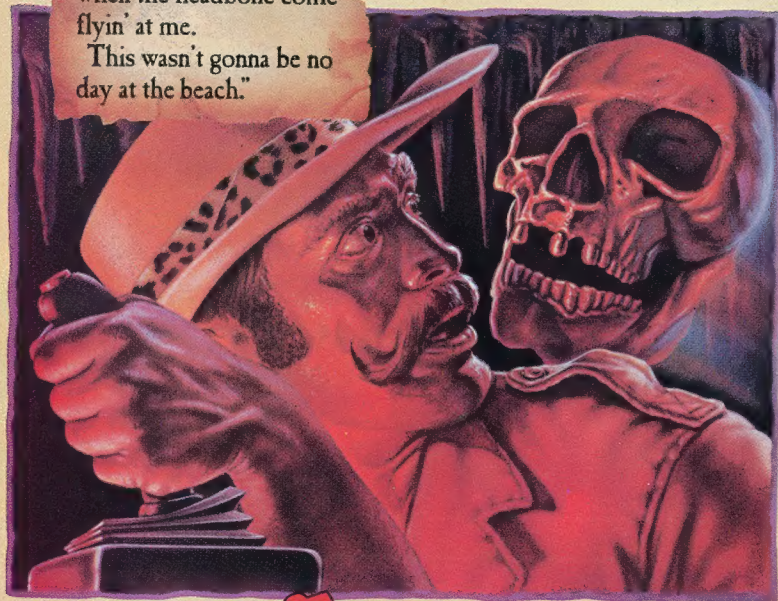
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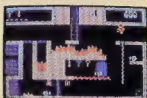
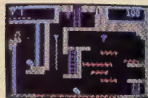
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